

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 9—State Master's Meeting 4th Degree

Dec. 16—Breakfast with Santa 7 am—11 am

Dec 20—Regular Business Meeting

Jan. 5—Installation of Officers Pot Luck Supper

Jan. 17—Regular Business Meeting

Jan 19— Annual Free Throw Contest

Feb 17—Valentines Day Breakfast

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From the Grand Knight

Highlights of KofC 6107 Events

My Brothers of Council 6107, As Christmas approaches, lets us not forget to Keep Christ in Christmas. We put up the banners. Do we really know what this means? I encourage your attendance at our December 20 meeting to discuss this topic.

We have had a busy fall. Since September, we have had a bonfire, dinner, tootsie roll drive, multiple leaf rakings, donation for the Christmas Fair, and much more.

I encourage all members to join us for our monthly meetings. There are many members reading this, that have not been to a meeting in a long time. This is your invitation from me to join us. We are running good crisp meetings. Brother Cliff Cooley

has done a tremendous job with the food. We are having fun. What are we missing? YOU and your talents.



Service.

Looking ahead our calendar includes a Breakfast with Santa on December 16. We have our monthly meetings on December 20, January 17, February 21. We also have right around the corner on January 5, the Installation of Officers, and our Valentines Breakfast on February 17.

I wish to thank all Brothers for their fine efforts. We as a team are making a difference in our parish and community.

Dan

Dan Utz, Grand Knight 537-0822

Do you have a good Idea for our Council?

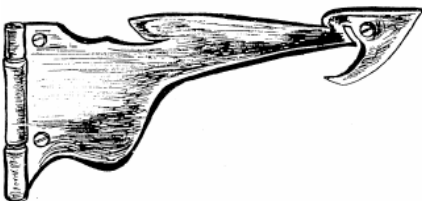
The Officers want this Council to be the best it can be. We are looking for some fresh ideas to attract and keep members coming regularly to our monthly business and social meetings. What would you like to see happen at these meetings? What would it take for you to come and join us once a month for an evening of fellowship with your brother Knights? If you want something to change then we need your input.

The Movie Corner by Terry Ryan BELLA (the Movie) Premieres!

If your Christmas festivities include catching up on movies, catch up with BELLA (Winner of the Toronto Film Festival's Peoples Choice Award)!

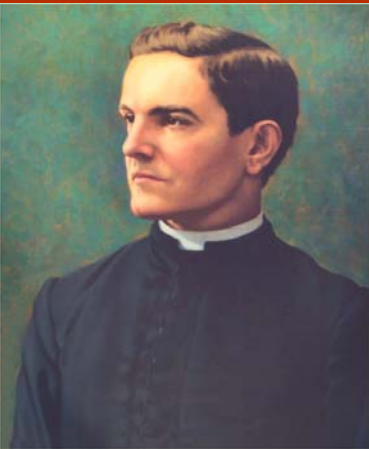
It's a heart-warming tale of family, life's choices and selflessness. You may have to hunt for it in CT but it is well worth the hunt! The film is set in present day NYC and shows how one person's decision can change many hearts. There are not many movies today that can claim that! My favorite line from the movie is, "If you ever want to see God smile, tell Him what your plans are!" The movie was directed by and stars a brother Knight! The Hollywood "buzz" on BELLA was that it was an anti-abortion movie. One parishioner told me she wouldn't see it since it was a graphic documentary about abortion! It couldn't be further from that. It's a shame that so many will put blinders on given to them by others.

Speaking of blinders, if your children or grandchildren are getting excited about the new Nicole Kidman fantasy movie, THE GOLDEN COMPASS that opens on December 7, you would be wise to research the author of the book the movie is based on, Philip Pullman. He is an avowed atheist and anti-Catholic. Atheist groups are upset that the movie "waters down" Pullman's anti-Christian novel. When Pullman was questioned, he responded, 'My books are about killing God.' He did say that he hopes that the movie will encourage many parents to go out and purchase his trilogy and give them as Christmas presents to children!



### Note to Members

Each month, our council designates a Family of the Month to be recognized for family values based on the principles of the Knights of Columbus. Watch this section in future issues and perhaps you will be surprised to see your family being recognized as "THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH"



Fr. Michael J. McGivney,  
Founder of the KofC

## Knights In Action Featuring the "40 Days For Life"

For 40 straight days (24/7) from September 26 through November 4, your Council's brothers participated in a unique pro-life campaign called *40 Days for Life* -- an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing, and prepare America for the beginning of the end of abortion. Br. John Peck and his wife, Nicole, co-directed Norwich's (the only city in Connecticut) campaign simultaneously held in 89 cities in 33 states across the nation. Br. Bob Soper and his wife, Vanda, were critical in filling some difficult time slots especially the wee hours of some cold and rainy nights over a span of 960 hours! Al DelValle, PGK, racked up the most vigil hours praying with 2 monks during a VERY COLD midnight to 6AM shift!

Br. Joe Menhart kept the public aware by delivering lawn signs to anyone who asked. The campaign was not a protest but a PEACEFUL silent prayer vigil held around the clock on each of those 40 days outside the Planned Parenthood complex in Norwichtown. We were present and praying asking the Lord to change hearts of those considering an abortion. Other brothers who "manned" the vigil: Al Fafard, Jeff Fiducia, Rick Gortler, Dan Leone, PGKs Tom Moreno & Lou Musinski, Terry Ryan FS and several others that may have "dropped in". Other parishes commented about our

Council's show of "force" in addition to the omnipresent and very visible, Al DelValle. Even if you joined them by saying a prayer, fasting or placing a sign on your lawn, you helped your brother Knights in standing up for those who can't -- the unborn!

In other news..... There were a lot of Brothers in action a few weekends ago at Brother Ralph Gimbut's home raking leaves. In just under 2 hours, a complete cleanup of the yard was made. More than 10 Brother Knights showed up to help a Brother in need. After we cleaned up Ralph's place, we headed over to St. Mary's Church for a quick yard cleanup for Fr. Cyril. Then we still had time to head over to Louanne Klesick's home to do her yard and gutters. It was a long day but we had a lot of fun making short work of it with the mighty leaf blower!

Many Brother Knights also helped out with the success of the Pasta Dinner recently held to raise funds for the Steve Smith family. This year's **Tootsie Roll Drive** was also a great success with dozen's of Brother Knights showing up over a three day weekend to pass out tootsie rolls for donations to the national campaign for people with Intellectual Disabilities. Getting involved is what it's all about! Why not join your fellow Knights at our next meeting to find out where you can serve as well.

### Breakfast with SANTA

On December 16th the Council will once again host the annual K of C Breakfast with Santa. This annual event is considered our number 1 fund raiser for the year. Knights will be serving Breakfast from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Brother Knights are needed at all times but especially after 11:00 am when the cleanup starts. This is an opportunity for all Brother Knights to get involved and meet your fellow knights. This year we will also have a professional photographer taking family pictures with Santa. This should be a great turnout for everyone. Please consider coming to help out on the 16th!

### YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM REQUIRED

Those in church leadership carry a special duty to see that all church employees and volunteers are suitable to be in positions of trust with minors, and that all church-sponsored activities and programs ensure the safety of program participants. As Knights, we must be in compliance with our church's guidelines especially when it comes to the protection of our youth. Please be advised that **you must take the Youth Protection Program** that is offered by our church in order to participate in any functions of the Knights that involve youth participation. The program is administered by Deacon Buzz and you can even take the course on a website administered by the diocese. Please be sure to do this before January!

## For the Good of the Order



If you know of any Brother Knight and/or his family who is ill or in need, please contact Grand Knight Dan Utz at 537-0822. We offer our prayers, condolences and well wishes to all those in need at each of our monthly meetings.



cils for the cost of \$1.00 a piece with a minimum order of 100 pins. Also, on Saturday, December 1st brother knights Tony Allesio and Lou Musinski once again tackled the high winds and bitter cold to hang the "Keep Christ in Christmas" banner in the front of St. Andrew's and another banner at St. Mary's. As Brother Knights, let's remember to remind everyone the real "reason for the season". Don't let all that shopping and commercialism bring down the true meaning of this season and that is to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus of Nazareth.



### Prayers Needed

- ◆ Please continue praying for Brother Jim Dowd for a complete recovery.
- ◆ We continue to pray for a speedy recovery for Brother Ralph Gimbut
- ◆ For Brother Gerry Dobek and family for the loss of his wife after a brief illness.
- ◆ Prays are needed for Bishop Hart diagnosed with liver cancer.
- ◆ We continue to pray for a complete recovery for Brother Jim Cunningham

### Well Wishes

Brothers Dan Leone, Lou Musinski and Matt Ciaglo for getting in under the 40 minute mark this year at the annual Manchester 4.75 mile Road Race.

Visit our web site at [WWW.KOCCOLCHESTER.ORG](http://WWW.KOCCOLCHESTER.ORG) to keep up with our council events. If you have digital pictures of "Knights in Action" send them to Brother Pete Reguin to add to the web site.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Once again this year the campaign is on to "Keep Christ In Christmas". When you hear someone say to you Happy Holidays, remind them that it's OK to say Merry Christmas! The State council is offering these buttons to all coun-



**Council Dues for 2008**  
Dues will now be \$30.00 per year. Dues can be paid in person at each meeting or sent to the Financial Secretary, Terrence Ryan, 100 Thornridge Drive, Colchester, CT 06415

### Knights' Insurance Available

Interested in Knights of Columbus Insurance? Call Garry Beausoleil – Field Agent 860-617-

### St. Andrew Men's Retreat

**Where:** Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT

**When:** February 1-3, 2008

**Website address:** [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

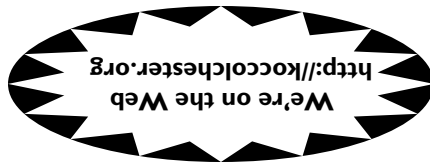
**Email Contact:** [joemenhart@adelphia.net](mailto:joemenhart@adelphia.net)  
Please join us on Retreat this year. Several of your Brother Knights attend, as well as many fellow parishioners.

For more information and to register on-line, visit their website, or call Joe Menhart at 267-9003.

### KNIGHTS MARCH in NEW HAVEN

The Knights of Columbus were a big part of the 2007 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade. As a component part of its 125th anniversary celebration, the Order was the October 7 event's title sponsor.

More than 200 area Knights marched in the parade. Marching in full regalia from Spellman Council were brothers Jim Ciaglo, Jon Ciaglo, Ray Lefebvre, Dan Leone and Jean-Maurice Soucy. The contingent included Fourth Degree Knights from Connecticut and Rhode Island, the first two states in which the Knights of Columbus was established, the Connecticut State Council officers, and Knights representing councils throughout the state. Father Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Church, a few blocks from the parade route, chose Christopher Columbus as the Order's patron. The Catholic explorer is revered as a man of vision, courage, and missionary spirit.



*In Service to One, In Service to All  
Faith, Family, Fraternity*



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## From the 4th Degree

The December State Masters Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9th at the Assembly Hall in Willimantic. Each year, the 4th Degree members and wives gather to make more than 125 gift baskets to be handed out to the veterans and needy in area hospitals. Once again this year, our Assembly will be offering an educational scholarship to any Senior in High School preparing to go on to a school of higher education. This annual scholarship for \$350 is in memory of Andrew Kuhar, past FN and past Color Corps Commander. We have also initiated an essay contest with the local catholic schools of St Mary's and St. Joseph's

The next Exemplification into the 4th Degree is scheduled for April 20th in Southington . The 4th degree

needs new members who would like to be involved in the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. There are a lot of programs such as the flag replacement program, the gift basket program to our veterans, and the Chalice donations to needy priests around the world just to name a few. Why not consider taking the next big step in your membership as a Brother Knight and become a SIR KNIGHT in the 4th degree.

### Eligibility for Membership



Applications for membership in the Fourth Degree may be made to any Assembly provided the applicant is:

- \* A Third Degree member in good standing in his council and who was initiated in the Admission (First) Degree at least six months prior to his initiation in the Fourth Degree.
- \*Over eighteen years of age
- \*A practical Catholic in union with the Holy See

Come Grow with Us .There is a place for you among the 1.7



million Knights of Columbus families who already consider membership in the Order "An Experience of a Lifetime". Why not make your family a part of ours, join today.

God Bless,  
Arnie Cerasuolo, FN